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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: BARITONE WILLIAM WALKER

REF: STATE 288499

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE POLISH ARTISTIC AGENCY (PAGART) WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PROGRAM WILLIAM WALKER DURING THE MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 15 PERIOD OF HIS AVAILABILITY. NEITHER PAGART'S BUDGET NOR OUR GOP BUDGET WILL SUPPORT HIS PROJECT DURING THE CURRENT OPERA SEASON IN POLAND.

2. WE ASKED PAGART IF THEY WOULD BRING WALKER TO POLAND AT THEIR EXPENSE DURING OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF 1976, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 1976/77 OPERA SEASON, OFFERING TO JOINTLY FUND HIS DOLLAR PER CONCERT FEE OF \$1000 ON A 50/50 BASIS. THE PAGART OFFICE OF MUSIC SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO FUND WALKER'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES, NEW YORK/WARSAW/NEW YORK, ON THE POLISH NATIONAL AIRLINES (LOT) IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF 1976. THEY WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE ONE PERFORMANCE FOR HIM AT WARSAW'S WIELKI AND TWO ADDITIOFSS PERFORMANCES FOR HIM, ONE EACH IN
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EITHER LODZ, WROCLAW OR POZNAN.

3. WE ARE WILLING TO COMMIT \$1500 OF OUR FY-77 BUDGET FOR THREE
WALKER PERFORMANCES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PAGART ALSO WILL PAY \$1500 FOR

THESE THREE CONCERTS TO MEET WALKER'S FEE, AND THEY WILL FUND
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN
POLAND.

4. WE REQUEST THAT CU/ARTS APPROACH WALKER WITH THIS PROPOSAL FOR
JOINT USG/PAGART SPONSORSHIP FOR THESE PERFORMANCES. PLEASE
ADVISE.
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